

| IF THE FUTURISTS ARE RIGHT                                                                                                                                                                                   | WITH RESPECT TO...                                | IF THE PRETERISTS ARE RIGHT                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| We're still living in the first age "that now is"                                                                                                                                                            | <b>The age to come</b>                            | The everlasting "age to come" has arrived                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Still unconquered by Christ; assumption that someday people <i>on earth</i> won't die                                                                                                                        | <b>Death, the last enemy</b>                      | Christ destroyed its power over all who are in Him; the way to Heaven fully cleared                                                                                                                        |
| The physical universe is still headed for fiery destruction                                                                                                                                                  | <b>The End</b>                                    | The end of <i>the age</i> (AD 70), and never the world itself                                                                                                                                              |
| Will be fulfilled when every nation (or person) in our modern world has been reached by the gospel (right before the end of the world)                                                                       | <b>"Great Commission"</b>                         | Fulfilled by those to whom it was assigned (by Jesus to His chosen, eyewitness, Spiritually-gifted disciples), in the Roman empire, by AD 63                                                               |
| Still in our future, for both believers and unbelievers (probably 7-years worth)                                                                                                                             | <b>"Great Tribulation" and "wrath poured out"</b> | Tribulation-persecution for Christians: AD 62-66; Wrath on the Jews: 66-70                                                                                                                                 |
| Still future, at the end of time/the world, or both                                                                                                                                                          | <b>"Great White Throne" Judgment</b>              | 12 thrones set up along with Christ's: AD 30-70? Christ only, final Judge: AD 70                                                                                                                           |
| Still in business as the place where departed spirits go, ( <i>not</i> Heaven) since death and Hades haven't been thrown into the lake of fire, and the GWT Judgment has yet to take place ( <b>Rev 20</b> ) | <b>Hades (Gr.)/ Sheol (Heb.)</b>                  | Was abolished and figuratively thrown into the lake of fire, along with Death ( <b>Rev 20:13-15</b> ) in AD 70; Christians since go directly to Heaven at death, when they receive <i>spiritual</i> bodies |

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| <p>He's still coming, though he was already at work in AD 52! (<b>2 Thes 2:7</b>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>“Man of sin” (or “lawlessness”)</b></p>                                         | <p>A Jewish Zealot who actually sat in the temple as God, AD 66-70 (<b>2 Thes 2:1-12</b>)</p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Literal 1000 years; may have started, or maybe all still in the future; (<i>amillennialists</i> ignore it entirely)</p>                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>The Millennium</b></p>                                                          | <p>Symbolic period of time, more like “golden years,” but certainly in the past (AD 26-66?)</p>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Physical Earth—even the whole universe (“<i>heavens, plural</i>”)—will be literally destroyed by fire; new literal, physical heavenly bodies (stars) will replace them; the new Earth will be filled with righteous people only who will never sin or die</p> | <p><b>New heavens and a new earth</b></p>                                             | <p>The OT “heavens and earth” <i>system/order</i> did pass away finally in AD 70; the <i>elements WERE</i> dissolved in the sense that the Bible intended: principles/rudiments/system building-blocks (<b>Gal 4:3, 9; Col 2:8, 20; Heb 5:12</b>)</p> |
| <p>Still hasn't come down and been established; some hold that it is a <i>literal</i>, under-construction “mothership-type” kingdom in space</p>                                                                                                                 | <p><b>New Jerusalem</b></p>                                                           | <p>The restored, consummated kingdom which Christ delivered to the Father in AD 70, in which righteousness dwells (in all God's children)</p>                                                                                                         |
| <p>Satan and all the powers of darkness still reign, all unconquered by Christ; “the strong man's” binding hasn't happened yet; the roaring lion is still prowling freely</p>                                                                                    | <p><b>Prince/ruler of this world—<br/>John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; Eph 2:2, 6:12</b></p> | <p>“The strong man” <i>WAS</i> bound at the start of the millennium, released for awhile at its end, finally defeated in AD 70; Christ indeed reigns now, and for eternity</p>                                                                        |

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| <p>Still-future to us, which means that there are necessarily some <i>very ancient</i> (2,000+ year-old) Jews who haven't yet "tasted death"</p>                                                                                                                              | <p><b>The Parousia/Return of Christ in the glory of His Father, and with His angels</b></p> | <p>Christ <i>HAS</i> returned, some standing there in AD 30 lived to see it (<b>Matt 16:27-28</b>), and the age-ending Harvest and Judgment also took place</p>                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>The most hoped-for, <i>event-of-all events</i>, diminishing even the Resurrection's importance in our present era ("<i>THE</i> blessed Hope")</p>                                                                                                                          | <p><b>"The Rapture" (catching-up)</b></p>                                                   | <p><i>DID</i> take place at the time-of-the-end Harvest, in conjunction with the Resurrection (mid-66 AD); explains silence of the church, 70+</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><i>Will</i> be the raising of <i>all physical bodies</i> to final, end-of-time or end-of-physical-earth judgment of souls reunited with their old bodies</p>                                                                                                               | <p><b>The Resurrection (event)</b></p>                                                      | <p><i>Was</i> the one-time raising out of (emptying of) Hades/Sheol of all departed, disembodied spirits as of mid-66 AD; now a long-past <i>event</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>No change in meaning; it is today what it always was supposed to be (see above) [presents problem of false hopes given at graveside, since Heaven's not yet open for eternal residents in spiritual, heavenly bodies, <b>1 Cor 15</b>, but <i>Hades is</i> still open]</p> | <p><b>Resurrection, since mid-66 AD</b></p>                                                 | <p>Resurrection was <i>out of Hades</i> (no longer applicable, since Hades no longer exists); believers since then go straight to Heaven, without ever residing in Hades; great news, Christians!— <b>Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on</b> [since the Resurrection out of Hades]—<b>Rev 14:13</b></p> |
| <p>No savior; God misled us</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>The Savior</b></p>                                                                    | <p><b>Faithful, True, the King</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <p>Kingdom of heaven <i>still</i> “at hand”; “wrath <i>about to come</i>” hasn’t arrived, 1,988 years later; ax of judgment <i>still</i> “laid at the root of the trees”; “winnowing fan” in Christ’s hand has <i>not yet been put to use</i>, the gathering has <i>not</i> occurred; (“Partial Prets”—PPs from here on—will inconsistently say that Christ has returned in <i>A</i> judgment in AD 70, but it wasn’t <i>THE</i> “Second Coming”/Parousia)</p> | <p><b>Matt 3:2-12; Luke 3:7-17</b> (AD 26); see also <b>1 Thes 1:10</b> (written AD 52):<br/> <b>“Jesus, who delivers <i>US</i> from the wrath to come”</b></p> | <p>The kingdom of heaven was only “at hand” <i>then</i>, at the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus; the leading edge could already be seen, but proclaiming/preaching the kingdom, as Paul was still doing at the end of his life (<b>Acts 28:31</b>), had yet to be done until the <i>inaugurated</i> (“kicked-off”) kingdom became the <i>consummated</i> kingdom (<b>Rev 11:15</b>) in “August” (by our current calendars), AD 70</p> |
| <p>Jesus apparently spoke in ignorance about the kingdom being “at hand”; or it had nothing to do with the last things (eschatology)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Matt 4:17 &amp; 10:7</b> (c. AD 26)</p>                                                                                                                   | <p>Jesus <i>knew</i> the kingdom was “at hand” and told the people of the First Century that it was; Jesus was well-versed in the OT kingdom prophecies</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Jesus merely meant that on this training mission, those He sent out wouldn’t be able to cover all the cities of AD 26-27 Israel before He’d meet up with them again; no eschatological significance in this whatsoever [disregards the context, verses <b>17-22</b>]</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Matt 10:23</b> (AD 26 or 27?)</p>                                                                                                                         | <p>Jesus meant that when those disciples went out <i>in earnest after</i> receiving the “Great Commission,” and <i>after</i> He’d ascended, His return to earth (coming) would occur before they could <i>personally</i> cover all the cities of Israel (see v. <b>17-22</b> for context)</p>                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <p>The “age to come” hasn’t come yet, OR it refers to life in Heaven, as the “<i>world</i> to come,” making blasphemy against the Holy Spirit possible <i>in Heaven!</i></p>                                                                                           | <p><b>Matt 12:32</b> (AD 26-30)</p>                                                           | <p>Jesus was definitely speaking of the <i>AGE</i> to come, and blasphemy against the Holy Spirit would still be possible <i>on earth</i> in that new age, though never in Heaven</p>                                                         |
| <p>At least two (“some”) of the very people to whom Christ spoke (around AD 30) are still alive (!), since the Son of Man has yet to return with His angels to reward (judge) each man, and come in/into His kingdom</p>                                               | <p><b>Matt 16:27-28;</b><br/><b>Mark 8:38-9:1;</b><br/><b>Luke 9:26-27</b><br/>(AD 26-30)</p> | <p>At least two of that gathering of Christ’s disciples (a group that numbered more than 12, see <b>Mark 8:34</b>), lived long enough to <i>see</i>: the Son of Man coming in His kingdom/the kingdom of God present with power</p>           |
| <p>The kingdom of God has <i>NOT</i> been taken from the “adulterous/evil/faithless/perverse/wicked generation” (<i>Christ</i> thus labeled it, all of those are <i>His</i> terms) <i>1st C.</i> Israel and given to another <i>holy</i> nation (<b>1 Pet 2:9</b>)</p> | <p><b>Matt 21:40-45;</b><br/><b>Mark 12:1-12;</b><br/><b>Luke 20:9-19</b> (AD 26-30)</p>      | <p>Those chief priests and Pharisees <i>knew</i> that the Parables of the Wicked Vinedressers and of The Two Sons had been about them (<b>21:45</b>), and that sweeping judgment was in <i>their</i> near future; and so it was, AD 66-70</p> |
| <p>“All the righteous blood shed on the earth,” from Abel to Zechariah, etc. has <i>still NOT</i> come upon <i>THAT</i> generation of 1st C. unbelieving Israel; Jesus made idle threats</p>                                                                           | <p><b>Matt 23:35-36;</b><br/><b>Luke 11:50-51</b> (AD 30)</p>                                 | <p>The martyred saints (mostly Jewish, First-Century believers, who were murdered by the First-Century <i>unbelieving</i> Jews) <i>WERE</i> avenged in AD 66-70—see <b>Luke 18:8</b></p>                                                      |

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| <p>Since the gospel has obviously not yet been literally preached “in all the world”—much less to “every creature”—the “end” that would follow in fulfillment of Christ’s prediction is still-future; if no “end” (of the age, world, or time) has come, Jesus was way off, poignantly ignorant of realities, and a misleader</p>                | <p><b>Matt 24:14</b> (AD 30)</p>                         | <p>The inspired Apostle Paul, following-up on another of Christ’s unfailing predictions: “<i>You</i> [specific plural] <i>shall</i> be My witnesses...to the end [farthest reaches] of the earth,” (<b>Acts 1:8</b>), wrote that by AD 63, the gospel <i>had</i> gone out into the entire Roman empire/ habitable world (Gr. <i>oikoumene</i>)</p>       |
| <p>Every specific “YOU” in this passage means nothing because all of those people to whom He was speaking are long, long gone; same goes for escaping Judea by leaping from housetop to housetop, and all the other geographic-/time-specific details; Jesus wasted His breath on people who wouldn’t experience any of the things discussed</p> | <p><b>Matt 24:15-34</b> (AD 30)</p>                      | <p>Those geo-specific and time-specific clues all point to a certain place and time, and the several specific-plural forms of “you” (equivalent to “You, yourselves,” or “You very individuals”—Gr. <i>humeis, humin, humon</i>, Str. 5210, 5213, 5216) effectively <i>narrow down</i> potential participants to this very group of people addressed</p> |
| <p><i>None</i> of these things has taken place; here again, PPs are inconsistent, since they want to separate the resurrection and the <i>real</i> “Second Coming” from AD 66-70</p>                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Matt 24:34; Mark 13:30; Luke 21:32</b> (AD 30)</p> | <p><i>All</i> of these things <i>have</i> taken place; Christ answered their questions carefully and honestly, and warned those who <i>needed</i> to be warned; all came true just as He said</p>                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <p>Some will trot out the claim that Christ’s prediction was aimed individually at Caiaphas, and the historical record seems to prove that he died several years short of AD 66; that he died when they say he died is not in dispute; <i>BUT</i>...when a literal translation or interlinear Bible like Jay P. Green’s is consulted, the fact that the “you” is <i>plural</i> emerges immediately; nevertheless, if the futurists <i>are</i> right that Jesus flubbed this prediction (in addition to a whole raft of others), he was only a mistaken, deluded, ignorant man, savior of none</p> | <p><b>Matt 26:64</b> (AD 30)</p> | <p><i>Another</i> “you, yourselves” (Gr. <i>humin</i>, Str. 5213) applies here to the whole Sanhedrin assembly (not just Caiaphas); some of those present there in AD 30 <i>did</i> live to see what Jesus predicted they’d see; by the way, it’s impossible for this to be still-future for a very simple reason: the Sanhedrin no longer exists— “The political Sanhedrin <i>perished</i> after the destruction of the Temple in <i>A.D. 70</i> , but the religious Sanhedrin continued as the <i>rabbinic</i> patriarchate <i>until</i> about <i>A.D. 425</i>.” [from Microsoft Bookshelf 1997, italics mine for emphasis]</p> |
| <p>The time was <i>NOT</i> fulfilled, and the kingdom of God was <i>NOT</i> “at hand”; it had <i>NOT</i> drawn near, so why should anyone repent and believe <i>anything</i> that this obviously-false prophet had to say? Repent of what? Believe in whom? What kingdom? We see no kingdom, even now!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Mark 1:15</b> (AD 26)</p>  | <p>“The time” <i>had</i> arrived for the kingdom of God to start manifesting itself; it <i>was</i> (then, already) near and at hand, and the <i>sense of urgency</i> in these first recorded words of Jesus in Mark’s gospel account is unmistakable; it was now or never for First C. folks!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <p>The Days of Vengeance haven't occurred, so "all things which are written" are still not fulfilled, 1,984 years later and counting; (PPs say the Days of Vengeance maybe happened in AD 66-70, but <i>not ALL</i> prophecies (things which are written) have been fulfilled so far)</p>                            | <p><b>Luke 21:22</b> (AD 30)</p>                                            | <p>Look at Daniel's prophecies for/about the "time of the end" in <b>Dan 9:24-27</b> and check 'em off your checklist; armed (now, hopefully) with a proper understanding of the era in view, just what is left that hasn't happened? Compare Scripture with itself, receive it, believe it</p>    |
| <p>Jesus was again mistaken; He told the "daughters of [First-Century] Jerusalem" to weep <i>for themselves and their children</i> because of what was in store for <i>them</i>, but all of that bad stuff wasn't going to happen to <i>them</i>, after all; Jesus was off by 50 or more generations, that's all</p> | <p><b>Luke 23:28-30</b> (AD 30) &amp; see <b>Rev 6:14-17</b> (AD 62-63)</p> | <p>Christians who take Christ at His word in every instance believe that here, too, He knew what He was talking about. Compare <b>Matt 23:37-38</b>—just which house was going to be left desolate? Jerusalem of <i>His</i> (that) generation, which did all that prophet-killing and stoning!</p> |
| <p>Satan still rules this world, and he hasn't been cast out</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>John 12:31</b> (AD 26-30)</p>                                         | <p>Satan <i>has</i> been cast out, and resides in the lake of fire</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>When Jesus said He'd return to <i>them</i>, He really meant <i>us</i>; He was just lettin' 'em down easy, in a way, with what turned out to be false hope</p>                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>John 14:2-3, 18</b> (AD 26-30)</p>                                    | <p>Jesus prepared those heavenly places and returned right on schedule to take them home, as was promised to <i>them</i> (1st C. believers)</p>                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <p>No chance for consistency here, since we know that John <i>did</i> die before the end of the <i>First C.</i> AD in <i>any</i> scenario (died c. 63, as prets say, or c.96, as futurists say); those who take this to mean that he <i>would</i> survive until the (second) coming of Christ have a real problem: he's around 2,000 years old!</p> | <p><b>John 21:22</b> (AD 30)</p>                                                                           | <p>Point of the passage is that there was a <i>possibility</i> of John's living until Christ's return, so it couldn't have been hundreds of years off! Also, it limits the time frame to the <i>end of the First C. anyway</i>, which would've been the time that John had been "caught up" if he <i>didn't</i> die by AD 96 at the latest.</p> |
| <p>Peter, like his Teacher, got it wrong; the "last days" envisioned by the prophet Joel were far off in the future, and not happening then</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Acts 2:16-17</b> (AD 30, Pentecost)</p>                                                              | <p>Peter spoke by inspiration when he connected Joel's "last days" prophecy to his own, First-Century time; like his Teacher, he was right</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>The times of refreshing/reconstitution/restoration (when Jesus would return from Heaven) still-future; "these days" meaningless</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>Acts 3:19-24</b> (same)</p>                                                                          | <p>Weymouth's <i>New Testament in Modern Speech</i> &amp; notes quite helpful here; times of refreshing=when all things made new (<b>Rev 21:5</b>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>"He <i>will</i> judge the world"; "There <i>will/shall be</i> a resurrection of the dead"; "The judgment to come"; no time indicators whatsoever, so these could happen <i>any</i> time in the future</p>                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Acts 17:31; 24:15, 25</b> (late 50's-early 60's AD) <b>3 uses of Gr. <i>mello</i>, Str. 3195</b></p> | <p>"He is <i>about to</i> judge the world"; "There is <i>about to be</i> a resurrection of the dead"; "The judgment <i>about to</i> come"; <i>imminency</i> (near AD 60 or so) consistently expressed for these events</p>                                                                                                                      |

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| <p>Paul was engaging in wishful thinking, and was just as mistaken as Jesus and Peter about the timing of the Resurrection-Rapture</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>1 Thes 4:15-17</b> (AD 51-52): <b>“we who are alive and remain”</b>[read: <i>those of us</i> who...]</p> | <p>Paul was right, speaking by the Holy Spirit’s inspiration like Peter; his “we” does not necessarily include himself (which he <i>later</i> understood)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>First C. folks weren’t in danger of being overtaken by “this Day” [of the Lord] as a thief; they weren’t appointed to “wrath,” but they weren’t close to “obtaining salvation” either; Paul’s wish for his First C. contemporary brethren to be preserved blameless, <i>spirit, soul, and BODY</i> until the <i>parousia</i> was just simply misplaced</p>             | <p><b>1 Thes 5:4, 9, 23</b> (AD 51 or 52)</p>                                                                  | <p>Paul had a very good reason for warning the very people he warned; many of his contemporaries would be around 14 or 15 years later when <i>that Day</i> of the Lord <i>would</i> arrive like a thief in the night (<b>Matt 24:43</b>); at <i>that</i> time, salvation <i>was</i> truly obtained, because until then (AD 66-70), redemption lacked the final stage</p> |
| <p>No particular group of Christians or time is in view; believers are <i>always</i> being troubled, and it’s worse today than ever; <i>we</i> (now) deserve to have Christ repay <i>our</i> troublers and give <i>us</i> rest when He finally does come with His angels and fire, taking vengeance on the evil people who beat us in their synagogues, etc. [hello?]</p> | <p><b>2 Thes 1:6-7</b> (AD 52)</p>                                                                             | <p>No generation of Christians has suffered or <i>ever will</i> suffer as much as that <i>first</i> one; they were zealously persecuted by the rabid, unbelieving Jews <i>AND</i> the Roman Empire under Nero, who found in them a scapegoat; they were <i>instant strangers</i> within their own communities upon conversion; The Parousia rescued <i>them</i></p>      |

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| <p>See?! This demonic dude <i>IS</i> already at work, <i>present tense</i> ! That means he’s alive somewhere on earth <i>right now</i> ! <i>Now</i> do you believe us that <i>these</i> are the last days? He’s out there <i>now</i> !</p> | <p><b>2 Thes 2:7</b> (AD 52) <b>mystery of lawlessness/man of sin <i>already at work</i></b></p>                                           | <p>This real letter to real people was written, sent, and received in the <b><i>First Century AD</i></b>! Whoever he was, he came, did his damage, and was destroyed, <i>all</i> in that same century, <i>far removed</i> !</p> |
| <p>The time <i>wasn’t</i> short, but very, very, <i>ve-e-r-r-ry</i> long; “the form of this world” is <i>still</i> passing away, 1,957 years past Paul’s letter</p>                                                                        | <p><b>1 Cor 7:29, 31</b> (AD 57)</p>                                                                                                       | <p>Paul was advising folks to <i>not</i> get married/remarried <i>only</i> because the harsh times of great tribulation were so near to them in AD 57</p>                                                                       |
| <p>The ends (meeting-points) of the ages were coming together already then, but have managed to stay apart for 1,957 years and counting</p>                                                                                                | <p><b>1 Cor 10:11</b> (AD 57) <b>ends</b> (Gr. <i>tele</i>, Str. 5056, <i>furthest</i>, plural form) <b>of the ages</b> (see Str. 165)</p> | <p>The <i>tail-end</i> of the age that <i>was</i> was receding from view as the <i>front-end</i> of the age that was to come (ours) was coming into view in AD 57</p>                                                           |
| <p>It’s really sad how mistaken Paul was: no raising of the dead, change of the living, or the last trumpet anywhere in sight for another 2,000 years</p>                                                                                  | <p><b>1 Cor 15:51-52</b> (AD 57)</p>                                                                                                       | <p>It’s really sad how professing Christians can throw out the God-breathed testimony of the Apostle Paul as if it were fish-wrap; <i>he was right</i> !</p>                                                                    |
| <p>There goes Paul again, misleading those poor First C. Christians into thinking that adoption, the redemption of their bodies, was close</p>                                                                                             | <p><b>Rom 8:19, 23</b> (AD 58) <b>“eagerly expecting”</b></p>                                                                              | <p>Paul was never one to spread false sunshine; <i>genuine</i> hope, yes, but false hopes?—never! Paul spoke truthfully by God’s inspiration. Amen!</p>                                                                         |

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| <p>Once again, Paul was mistaken; it <i>wasn't</i> high time to wake up and fly right after all, so go ahead and sleep in, First C. believers, the Day is still 2,000 years away</p>                                                 | <p><b>Rom 13:11-12</b> (AD 58)</p>                                             | <p>Paul <i>did know the time</i>, and he was acting as the good watchman that Christ expected him to be; the night <i>was</i> far spent, and The Day <i>did</i> arrive soon (AD 66-70)</p>             |
| <p>The God of peace was obviously delayed, since He hasn't yet crushed Satan, but He's still gonna crush him under <i>our</i> ("Church age") feet, sometime soon</p>                                                                 | <p><b>Rom 16:20, 26</b> (AD 58)</p>                                            | <p>"Shortly" in relation to AD 58 could easily mean 8-12 years (AD 66-70), but not AD 2014+! The God of peace <i>did</i> crush Satan under "<i>their</i> [First C.] feet"</p>                          |
| <p>The world-order is <i>still</i> passing away, and the many antichrists that were already in the world <i>THEN</i> are still in the world today in this "last hour" that's lasted over <i>17 million hours</i> &amp; counting!</p> | <p><b>1 Jn 2:17-18 &amp; 4:3</b> (AD 61 or 62)<br/><br/>&lt;NOTE THIS!&gt;</p> | <p>The specific antichrists of which Jesus spoke (<b>Matt 24:5, 23-24</b>) were there—on schedule—in the First C. AD. The "last hour," while figurative, pertained to <i>John's</i> era, not ours!</p> |
| <p>Behave as ones who <i>will</i> be judged (no time factor)</p>                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Jas 2:12</b> (AD 61 or 62)</p>                                           | <p>Ones who are <i>about to be</i> judged (<i>mello</i>, Str. 3195)</p>                                                                                                                                |
| <p>"The last days" are completely open-ended</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Jas 5:3</b> (AD 61 or 62)</p>                                            | <p>"The last days" came (then) and went (AD 70)</p>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>The coming of the Lord was <i>not</i> at hand, and the Judge is <i>still</i> standing at the door</p>                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Jas 5:7-9</b> (61/62)</p>                                                | <p>The coming (<i>Parousia</i>) of the Lord <i>AND</i> His judgment happened, AD 66-70</p>                                                                                                             |

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| <p>That “age to come” never came; we’re still in the first age; it was never superceded</p>                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Eph 1:21</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p>                                        | <p>The age <i>about to come</i>, or <i>the soon-coming age</i> DID come (Gr. <i>mello</i> here, too)</p>                                                                                                                            |
| <p>The Lord is <i>always</i> at hand; no last-things significance</p>                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Phil 4:5</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p>                                        | <p>See context: <b>3:20-21</b>—they were <i>eagerly waiting for Him</i></p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Paul, as was so often the case, got it wrong; the gospel must still go out into all the world <i>today</i> to match Christ’s commands and the Great Commission</p>                                       | <p><b>Col 1:6, 23</b> (AD 62 or 63) see also <b>Rom 10:18, Acts 1:8</b></p> | <p>In <b>Acts 1:8</b>, <i>Christ</i> predicted that <i>they</i>—in the First C. AD—would accomplish what He’d commissioned them to do; Paul <i>witnessed</i> that historic fulfillment</p>                                          |
| <p>“In these last days” means from about AD 30 until our time and beyond, if necessary; never mind that it means the last days have lasted longer now than the whole Mosaic/OT/Jewish dispensation era!</p> | <p><b>Heb 1:1-2, 14</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p>                                   | <p>In <i>those</i> last days, believers were <i>about to (mello) inherit salvation</i> (v. 14); they did; salvation/redemption was brought into fullness/completion/consummation as the climax of Christ’s Parousia in AD 66-70</p> |
| <p>A coming age (eventually)</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Heb 6:5</b> (62/63)</p>                                               | <p>A <i>soon-coming (mello) age</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>The old covenant and age are <i>still growing old</i> and <b><i>becoming obsolete</i></b>, even though they were ready to vanish away and had nearly disappeared by AD 63</p>                            | <p><b>Heb 8:13</b> (62/63)</p>                                              | <p>“Ready [Gr. <i>eggus</i>, Str. 1451, <i>near/nigh/ready</i>] to vanish away” in AD 63 <i>means</i> just that; the OT/Old Covenant system/age/world-order became <b><i>totally obsolete</i></b></p>                               |

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| <p>The fact that the tabernacle (the Jerusalem temple) is <i>NOT</i> still standing means nothing because Christ has <i>not yet</i> replaced it with Himself and the priesthood of all believers [the “good things to come” and the “time of reformation” are still on their way, 1,951 years after this letter, in which those good things were said to be <i>soon-coming</i>—Gr. <i>mello</i> , Str. 3195, is in the original text <i>again</i> ! this leaves <i>MUCH</i> unexplained!]</p> | <p><b>Heb 9:8-11 &amp; 10:1</b><br/>(AD 62 or 63)</p>                                | <p>The tabernacle through which all OT/Jewish worship was mediated <i>has</i> been replaced by the <i>true, living Tabernacle/Temple</i> (not man-made), which is Christ, the chief cornerstone, and the living stones (believers)—<b>1 Pet 2</b>; “time of reformation” is another synonym for the transition of the ages/regeneration/restoration/restitution/time of refreshing, when all things <i>were</i> made new, AD 66-70</p> |
| <p>The ends/completion/consummation of the ages were only said to be “now” (then, in AD 63), but <i>we</i> know that wasn’t the case; Christ has yet to appear a second time to those expecting/eagerly awaiting Him for salvation back then; it’s all about <i>us</i> [salvation’s not yet complete]</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Heb 9:26-28</b> (AD 62/63)</p>                                                 | <p>How many times did the NT recorders of God-breathed words have to write that the ages met and changed places way back there in the First C. AD? If, without exception, they pointed to a time that was <i>close to them</i>, it means it <b>was</b> indeed close! Salvation <b>is</b> complete!</p>                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>To be used as a hammer to enforce church-attendance, especially because “the Day” (of the Lord) is <i>still</i> coming</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Heb 10:25</b> (AD 63, when many Christians still met <i>in synagogues</i>)</p> | <p>“Assembling” (English)=Gr. <i>episunagoge</i>, Str. 1997, from which <i>synagogue</i> is derived; <i>THE Day</i> did arrive, 66-70</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <p>All of these personal ties and knowledge between letter-writer and recipients and all the time-specific references mean nothing; the Lord <i>has</i> tarried, and that's all there is to it; our modern teachers are right, and the NT writers and Christ were all wrong</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Heb 10:32-39, especially 37</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p> | <p>If the inspired writer of this letter to the Hebrews (and how many folks <i>today</i> are called, <i>Hebrews</i>, by the way?)—I believe it was Paul—had it from the “mouth” of the Holy Spirit that the Lord would <i>NOT</i> tarry, then <b><i>He..did..not!</i></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>We don't seek a continuing city here, but one coming (eventually/“whenever”)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Heb 13:14</b> (62/63)</p>                         | <p>They didn't seek a continuing city then, because the <i>soon-coming (mello)</i> city <i>came</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Despite the fact that <i>God</i> the Father gave this Revelation to His Son, Jesus Christ, “<b>to show His servants things which must <i>shortly</i> take place,</b>” and the <b>time was near</b> (then, in AD 63), all the prophecies of the 22 chapters have not yet taken place; it's probably because God doesn't understand time like we do, or maybe He was forced to change His plans because of unforeseen resistance/unbelief from the nation of Israel [buy one blasphemy, get one free]</p> | <p><b>Rev 1:1-3</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p>                   | <p>God the Father can not lie, His Son, the God-man can not lie, and those who wrote/recorded God-supplied words and visions <i>while under the inspiration of God, the Holy Spirit</i>, can not lie; while God is outside of time, who do you suppose <i>created it?</i> If anyone understands time <i>AND</i> how it's understood by humans <i>He</i> created, it's the <i>omniscient God</i> who gave this revelation (<i>uncovering</i>) to His servants whom He loves; “near” <b>was near</b>; <b><i>all took place shortly after</i></b></p> |

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| <p>We today—1,951 years later—should still be holding fast with our contemporary brethren in Thyatira—in not following that “Jezebel” among us (verses <b>18-23</b>)—until the Lord comes (after He’s done tarrying); if <i>we</i> make it to the <i>end of the world</i>, we’ll rule over nations <i>in it</i> [please think about this; does this make sense?]</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Rev 2:24-26</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p> | <p>Christ held out a promise to whoever would remain faithful among the <i>First C. church of Thyatira</i> (does it still exist?) <i>until He came</i>; since He who is Faithful and True (<b>Rev 19:11</b>) extended a real promise, conditioned by <i>their</i> personal responses in faith in <i>their own lifetimes</i>, we know that <i>His coming happened then</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>See? That “hour of temptation/trial, which shall come upon the <i>whole world</i>” hasn’t come yet! He is <i>still</i> “coming quickly,” which only means that when He finally <i>does</i> come, He’ll do it quickly; <i>we</i> just have to hold fast to <i>our</i> crowns until then! And that church in Philadelphia is not meant to be a specific church in Asia in First-Century history, but a symbol of all faithful churches throughout history; it’s open-ended [one way or another, this whole book was written <i>for us</i> and <i>to us</i></p> | <p><b>Rev 3:10-11</b> (AD 62/63)</p>    | <p>The hour of temptation/trial was <i>about to come</i> (Str. 3195 yet again!) upon the <i>habitable earth</i>/First C. <i>Roman empire</i> (Gr. <i>oikoumene</i>, Str. 3625, is also used here <i>again</i>), and, in “<b>I am coming quickly</b>,” the Greek word translated as <i>quickly</i> is Str. 5035, <i>tachu: without delay/soon</i>; same root as <i>tachei</i> in <b>Luke 18:8</b>, Str. 5034—<i>speedily</i> (“<b>He will avenge them</b> [martyrs, at His coming] <b>speedily</b>”); audience relevance and historical context can’t be ignored if we want to understand the Bible</p> |

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| <p>He was to (eventually) rule all nations, but He doesn't yet, as of AD 2014</p> <p>All of these passages are to be taken with a grain of salt as exaggerations of the guilt of ancient Jerusalem and First-Century Jews; true prophets are <i>still</i> being killed today "outside of Jerusalem" all the time, and the deaths of Abel, Zechariah, and Jesus Himself really have nothing to do with 1st C. Jerusalem; <i>today's</i> prophets are obviously intended, so <i>they</i> are endangered by Jerusalem</p> <p>"Things which must shortly take place?" Yes, in <i>our</i> day";<br/>"Behold, I am coming quickly?" Yes, in <i>our</i> day!</p> <p>"Do not seal" actually means "DO seal"; fulfillment of this prophecy-set was <i>obviously</i> a long way off, and still may be; yes, we must let the "unjust" and "filthy" go on in their sin as long as it takes</p> | <p><b>Rev 12:5</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p> <p><b>Rev 18:24 &amp; 11:8, 16:6, 17:6</b> (AD 62/63) also see <b>Matt 23:29-38 &amp; Luke 13:33</b></p> <p><b>Rev 22:6-7</b> (AD 62/63)</p> <p><b>Rev 22:10-11</b> (AD 62/63)</p> | <p>He was <i>about to/soon going to (mello)</i> rule all nations, so He did and He does now</p> <p><i>All</i> Scriptural fingers point to <i>THE</i> spillers of all the righteous blood shed on the earth to that point in time (<i>that</i> First C. generation); that's according to <i>God</i>, remember! It was Jesus who said that it wasn't possible for anyone other than the inhabitants of ancient Jerusalem to kill <i>His... true...</i> prophets! No true prophets now in the <i>Biblical</i> sense, and the true prophets <i>have been</i> avenged</p> <p>God said "shortly" and "quickly," so shortly and quickly it <i>was</i>, in relation to AD 62 or 63, not 2014!</p> <p><i>Daniel</i> (6th C. <i>BC</i>) was told to seal <i>his</i> prophecy, since it was to see fulfillment in the far-distant future; John (1st C. <i>AD</i>) was told the <i>opposite</i> because all was <i>close</i>; the unjust/filthy <i>were</i> judged</p> |

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| <p>“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me,” but if I “tarry” it could mean that justice (reward) will just have to be delayed for quite a while</p>                     | <p><b>Rev 22:12</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p>    | <p>Christ <i>did</i> come quickly (inside of <i>4 years</i> from this Revelation), and the martyrs <i>were</i> avenged only “a little while” after they cried out for justice (<b>Rev 6:9-11</b>)</p>          |
| <p>He who testified to these things misled us; he wasn’t coming quickly after all</p>                                                                                                   | <p><b>Rev 22:20</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p>    | <p>He who testified in absolute truth <i>did</i> come quickly, <i>soon after AD 63</i> , in AD 66</p>                                                                                                          |
| <p>“Blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing” says nothing about <i>when</i> He would appear (come again), especially since v. 15 says He’d do it in “His own time”</p>        | <p><b>1 Tim 6:14, 19</b> (AD 63)</p>     | <p>In a real letter to a real 1st C. Timothy, Paul urged <i>him</i> to fight the good fight of faith, so <i>he</i> could be found blameless <i>when</i> Christ appeared again (the <i>soon</i>-coming age)</p> |
| <p>“Kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” means kept for salvation until <i>now</i>—or later—whenever <i>the</i> last time is</p> | <p><b>1 Pet 1:5-9</b> (AD 63 or 64)</p>  | <p>“Ready to be revealed” to <i>them</i>, in the First C. AD, when Peter wrote; <i>they</i> were undergoing severe testing, and <i>they</i> were within 2 years of Christ’s revelation (v. 7)</p>              |
| <p>Last times when? Not yet, or going on since AD 30 or so</p>                                                                                                                          | <p><b>1 Pet 1:20</b> (AD 63 or 64)</p>   | <p>“<i>These</i> last times” (AD 63 or 64, when Peter wrote that)</p>                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>He was ready to judge, but He hasn’t yet; the end of all things is <i>still</i> “at hand”</p>                                                                                        | <p><b>1 Pet 4:5, 7</b> (AD 63 or 64)</p> | <p>When God’s ready to judge, it’s gonna happen: the end of all things (<i>Biblically</i>) <i>came</i></p>                                                                                                     |

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| <p>It's <i>still</i> time for judgment to <i>begin</i> at the house of God [so the unparalleled tribulation that came upon the house of God in AD 62-66—under <i>Nero</i>—and the destruction of Jerusalem, the temple, and Judea in general—if put all together—wasn't even the <i>beginning</i> of judgment; all of it is still in store, and Peter was deluded]</p> | <p><b>1 Pet 4:17</b> (AD 63 or 64)</p> | <p>Judgment <i>did</i> begin with the “house of God” just before the time of Peter’s letter, and it intensified in AD 64, when <i>empire-wide persecution upon Christians</i> was ordered by Nero; and note that in this text, the house of God= “us” (Gr. <i>hemon</i>, Str. 2257, “we/us/our company”) so judgment <i>did</i> begin with <i>them</i>, <i>First-Century Christians</i></p> |
| <p>Neither Peter nor the recipients of his letter were “partakers of the glory that <i>will</i> be revealed”; they all missed it by 2,000 years or more</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>1 Pet 5:1</b> (AD 62 or 63)</p>  | <p>Some (many?) of Peter’s contemporaries <i>were</i> actual partakers of the glory that was <i>about to be</i> revealed (Gr. <i>mello</i>, <i>AGAIN</i>), 3 yrs. later</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>This whole passage must be applied to our day, since “the last days” obviously have not come and gone; these are general admonitions and warnings, but mostly for us</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>2 Tim 3:1-9</b> (AD 64)</p>      | <p>Paul to Timothy (two real persons in the 1st C. AD): “from such [<i>you</i>] turn away”; men of corrupt minds <i>resist</i> (<i>present</i> tense, used in AD 64; they <i>resisted</i>, long ago)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Paul only <i>thought</i> that the Lord was <i>about to</i> [yes, <i>mello</i> is here, too] judge the living and dead at His appearing in His kingdom</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>2 Tim 4:1, 17</b> (AD 64)</p>    | <p>Christ was truly <i>about to judge</i> at His appearing, and He arrived within 2 or 3 years to do so; v. <b>17</b>: more evidence of gospel’s spread</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <p>Jude, too, was apparently having some sort of panic attack, since all the signs he thought he was seeing pertained to many centuries in the future; he was wrong, and he certainly didn't have to drop everything to write this "urgent" letter of warning [see verse 3]</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Jude 14-19</b> (AD 64 or 65)</p>                                                                                                                                                        | <p>This whole, real, First-C. letter to real First-C. recipients in <i>their</i> embattled churches is loaded with very <i>personal</i> warnings and clear references to the <i>real</i> last days: "at the last time... <i>these</i> are the ones <i>setting</i> themselves apart" —v. 18-19, Literal Translation, Jay P. Green</p>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Sorry, but their destruction <i>does</i> slumber, and it has been "sleeping in" for about 2,000 years (and counting)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>2 Pet 2:3</b> (AD 64 or 65)</p>                                                                                                                                                         | <p>God said via Peter that their judgment wouldn't slumber, and sure enough, it came within 2 years (AD 66)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Those "scoffers" who would come in "the last days" may be here <i>now</i>—just look around—but they certainly weren't there in the First C., and there's just no way that the heavens and the earth, which <i>are</i> reserved for <i>fire until the day of judgment</i> have burned up, melted, and passed away! So the "day of God" has <i>NOT</i> come, and neither have the <i>NEW</i> heavens and earth, <i>so "All is Still-Future"</i> is our motto!</p> | <p><b>2 Pet 3:1-14</b> (AD 64 or 65; quite likely the very last book to be written as part of the New Testament, <i>binding</i> the Scriptures—see <b>Matt 16:19</b>—in their final form)</p> | <p>God-inspired Peter referred to other God-breathed OT Scriptures in presenting the scene of the cataclysmic changing-of-the-guard in the <i>SPIRITUAL</i> realm; let's remind one another: the universe was created <i>by</i> and <i>for</i> Jesus Christ (<b>Col 1:16</b>), and <i>Almighty God</i> is never going to annihilate and re-do the physical universe (the stars give Him <i>glory</i>, mind you!); the <i>beloved</i> (v.14) <i>were</i> soon found "blameless" by Him!</p> |